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1. Ohrdruf Training Area (J-15): The Ohrdruf training area reverted to civilian use on 2 January 1948. Civilian labor was detailed on 8 January 1948 to dismantle military constructions there. Red Army troops in the Ohrdruf-Gotha area have been transferred by rail to Jüterbog. Artillery and self-propelled guns which were emplaced in stone quarries in the Neudietendorf-Schmiera-Ingersleben triangle were withdrawn in mid-December 1947 and removed by rail. They had been used for long-range firing at the Ohrdruf range.
2. Rhöngebirge: Parts of the Rhön hills near Hohenfelden (J-45), Stadtlengsfeld (H-64), and Weila have been declared a closed area since 1 January 1948. FDJ ski courses here were at once abandoned. U-2 biplanes frequently fly over the area and are believed locally to be policing it.
3. Ammunition Dumps: Red Army ammunition dumps are located in the following places in Thuringia:
 - a. In former German underground depot, Polte II, near Arnstadt (J-35);
 - b. At Rothenstein, near Jena, on the road to Rudolstadt. The installation formerly belonged to the Raffeisengenossenschaft;
 - c. In the Turbo-Jäger-Werke shops at Klein Eutersdorf (J-75);
 - d. In the neighborhood of Berka.

4. Rudolstadt (J-54): The former Luftwaffe driving school in the Schaalarstrasse is being used as a Red Army training installation for both officers and NCOs. Armored force troops are frequently taken out to a range which has been established between Rudolstadt and Volkstedt and are trained in the firing of the German MG 34 and the 20 mm AA gun as well as the standard Russian pieces. No Panzerschreck or other rocket launching equipment has so far been used at this range.
5. All officers and dependents in Rudolstadt are quartered in the former German 96th Infantry Regiment barracks. The old 103rd Infantry Regiment barracks in Rudolstadt-Volkstedt are occupied by an unidentified Russian unit.

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